95. A transgenic non-human animal wherein introduction of a gene is effected in a non-human animal comprising a homologue of the collectin polypeptide according to claim 61, in a manner to modify the gene expression of the homologue.

96. A knockout, non-human animal that is obtained by altering a gene encoding a homologue of the novel collectin polypeptide according to claim 61 in a non-human animal comprising said homologue, in a manner to inhibit the expression of said homologue.

Remarks/Arguments

The Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments to correct the Sequence Listing filed as part of the specification in the above-identified application. Accompanying this amendment is a substitute Sequence Listing in both computer-readable and paper forms, along with a statement that the disclosures in the computer-readable and paper forms are the same and do not introduce new matter into the disclosure of the application.

As explained in the accompanying statement, SEQ ID NOS: 1-29 of the original and substitute Sequence Listings are identical. Thus, these sequences do not introduce new matter.

SEQ IDNOS: 30 (Mannan-Binding Protein, MBP), 31 (Surfactant protein A, SP-A) and 32 (Surfactant protein D, SP-D) of the substitute Sequence Listing do not introduce new matter into the disclosure of the application. These sequences are fully supported in Figures 2-3 and Figures 5-6 of the specification as originally filed. The substitute Sequence Listing has been prepared with the Patent Office's preferred PatentIn software and is accompanied by the requisite computer-readable copy and statement.

The cancellation and addition to the claims are merely intended to improve grammar, place the claims in more conventional U.S. form, and minimize the filing fee by eliminating multiple dependancies and are not intended to diminish the scope of the claims. The Applicant does not intend by these or any other amendments to abandon the subject matter of any claim as originally filed, and reserves the right to pursue such subject matter in this application or related applications, such as continuing applications.

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